

Table 1: Public Participation Models

Model	Characteristics	Advantages	Disadvantages
Public Notice and Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - provides formal opportunity to review proposed TMDL, may include public hearings - responses are provided to public comments in final TMDL or in a responsiveness summary - State or EPA explain how comments were considered in the final decision 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - less time and resource intensive - satisfies minimum public participation requirements - avoids repetition of effort where TMDL based on previous, uncontroversial decisions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - interested parties will not hear about TMDL - reduces chance of local support and buy-in - developing comment responses can be time consuming and difficult - may be dissatisfying to stakeholders who want more involvement
Stakeholder Consultation Plus Public Comment Period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - developer meets several times with stakeholders during TMDL development - developer informs group of progress and draft analysis, seeks input 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - involved stakeholders not taken by surprise - increases chances for local support/buy in - earlier identification of tough or contentious issues 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - moderately time/resource intensive - may be dissatisfying to stakeholders who want more involvement - difficult to manage expectations
Extensive Stakeholder Collaboration Plus Public Comment Period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - stakeholders involved from outset in different TMDL elements - stakeholders may do substantial analysis, not just review state work - stakeholders may attempt to seek agreement on TMDL content 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - best chances for local support/buy in - improves ability to identify and evaluate implementation measures - may reduce resources needed for analysis since other parties do some analysis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - very time/resource intensive - may be unrealistic to get consensus or agreement on TMDL content - problematic for TMDLs with tight, inflexible deadlines - may be unsatisfying to interested stakeholders—extensive time commitments required may be infeasible for many interested groups